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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office action mailed on March 17, 2003, setting forth a restriction requirement and an election of species requirement with a one-month period for reply. A Petition for Extension of Time for three (3) months up to and including July 17, 2003 is submitted herewith, together with the necessary fee.

The Examiner requires restriction to one of the following groups:

- Group I: Claims 1 - 8, drawn to products
- Group II: Claim 9, drawn to methods

Applicants hereby choose to prosecute Group I, claims 1 – 8 in this application. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute in one or more divisionals non-elected subject matter.

According to the Examiner, claims 1, 6 and 9 are generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species. The Examiner requires election to a single disclosed species with all variables exactly and definitely known.

Applicants hereby elect the species of compound 4 (page 14 of the specification) wherein the variables are defined as follows:

m: 0
n: 1
A: methylene
R1: pyrrolidinocarbonyl
R2: methyl
R3: hydrogen
R4: hydrogen

R5: amidino
R6: hydroxy
R7: hydrogen
Ar: phenyl group substituted by R5, R6 and R7

Support for the above compound can be found throughout the specification, *inter alia*, in Example 3, page 44.

An examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

If any points remain at issue which can best be resolved by way of a telephonic or personal interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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